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SUBJ: OMANI POSITION ON GUINEA-BISSAU

REF: A. STATE 229904; B. STATE 208369 10/20/73

1. AFTER HEARING OUT MY OUTLINE OF THE US POSITION BASED ON REFCG, ACTING FONMIN AL ALAWI REPLIED THAT OMAN WILL NOT RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU AND WILL NOT SPONSOR ANY RESOLUTION FAVORING

GUINEA-BISSAU. HOWEVER, ARAB STATES HAD COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO SUPPORT AFRICAN FREEDOM MOVEMENTS AND OMAN MUST FOLLOW THE ARAB LEAD IN VOTES ON GUINEA-BISSAU. HE NOTED THAT EVEN LEBANON HAD NOW BROKEN RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL ON THIS ISSUE.

2. WHEN I DREW DHOFAR PARALLEL OF REBEL MOVEMENT SUPPORTED BY OUTSIDE POWERS, AL ALAWI REPLIED THAT THE OMANIS WERE AWARE THAT THE SOVIETS SUPPORTED REBELS IN BOTH AREAS, BUT THAT THE SITUATIONS COULD NOT BE COMPARED SINCE GUINEA-BISSAU COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A PROVINCE OF PORTUGAL. THE OMANIS BELIEVED THE
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PORTUGUESE SHOULD BE PREPARING AN ORDERLY PLAN FOR INDEPENDENCE.

AL ALAWI ADDED THAT OMAN DOES NOT WANT TO ALIENATE AFRICAN
STATES; PFLOAG ALREADY HAS A REPRESENTATIVE (ALTHOUGH NOT YET
AN OFFICE) IN LIBYA AND IS TRYING TO ESTABLISH OFFICES IN EAST
AFRICA.
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